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There was daily and intensive flying at the airfield located about 4 miles south of BEZHITSA (34°19' E/53°18' N) and 1.3 miles northwest of BRYANSK, Orel Oblast. Five jet fighters were seen flying almost continuously. The aircraft were equipped with two turbines (see Annex).

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Comment:

a. According to available information, a fighter school for retraining with jet aircraft is assumed to be located at this field.

b. Jet aircraft have been observed there since the fall of 1948.

c. The type of jet plane reproduced on the attached sketch is difficult to identify. It may be either the Soviet Me-262 or the Tupolev bomber displayed on Air Force Day in July 1948.

d. Other jet types are out of the question since only the above two types have the power plants arranged as shown on sketch and only these have the single rudder assembly.

1 Annex: Jet-Aircraft Observed at the BRYANSK Airfield.

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